IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Page 2, Lines 8-23 to read as follows:

The stated object is achieved by a playback apparatus that ~~simultaneously~~ performs playback of a title that includes a digital stream, and execution of an application, including: a virtual machine operable to execute the application; a playback control engine unit operable to perform playback control on the digital stream; and an event manager operable to, when an event is generated in response to a user operation, judge whether or not to cause the application to process the event, and when a result of the judgment is affirmative, further operable to output one of key events to the application, wherein the event manager includes an operation manager that, when the result of the judgment is negative, causes the playback control engine unit to process an operation corresponding to the event. ~~module operable to execute an application; a playback control engine unit operable to play a digital stream that belongs to one of a plurality of titles; and a module manager operable to control branching between the plurality of titles, wherein the module includes a virtual machine unit and an application manager, the virtual machine decodes the application, and performs instance generation and execution of the generated instance, and when the instance exists in a work memory of the virtual machine unit, the application manager interprets the existence of the instance in the work memory as title playback continuing even if the application has terminated, and if a playback completion event is generated by the playback control engine unit, interprets the playback completion event as title playback having ended, and controls the module manager so as to select a next title.~~

Please amend Page 2, Line 24 to Page 3, Line 98 to read as follows:

According to the ~~stated~~ playback apparatus configured in the above manner, if the event generated in response to the user operation is not registered in the EventListner of the application, the operation corresponding to the event can be processed by the playback control engine unit. This way, it is guaranteed that the control is performed appropriately, even when the EventListner of the application lacks information on some events or contains a bug.

Guarantee on the appropriate control can strongly encourage the manufacturers, who are nervous about widespread quality issues, to develop playback apparatuses that simultaneously perform playback of a stream and execution of an application. If this leads to price reduction and diversification of the playback apparatuses, a wide variety of BD-ROM contents will be created. Consequently, the development of the content-related industry will be accelerated. ~~, if the virtual machine unit returns a response event with respect to an application, title playback will be interpreted as continuing even if the application is terminated, as long as an instance remains in the work memory of the virtual machine unit. Therefore, if the digital stream has a playback time of two hours, the application will be executed in synchronization with the two hour playback time. This means that even if the execution main body of the application is a virtual machine, synchronization control can be realized in the same way as with a DVD playback apparatus, and playback control can be easily written with Java programming. Greater immediacy of development according to Java program will act as impetus for software houses whose expertise is in Java programming to join BD content creation enterprises.~~